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| **Category** | **Expert (5)** | **Master (4)** | **Apprentice (3)** | **Novice (1)** |
| Critical reading | Blog entry shows evidence of thorough preparation through critical reading and reflection. Relevant concepts, ideas, and principles are integrated. Author speaks as one who has a breadth and depth of knowledge. | Blog entry shows evidence of preparation through reading and reflection with some integration of ideas. Author speaks as one who has knowledge to share but at minimal depth or breadth | Blog entry shows little evidence of preparation through reading and reflection. Author speaks as one who has knowledge to share but without depth or breadth | Blog entry shows no evidence of preparation through reading or reflection. . Author speaks as one that has nothing to offer. |
| Critical thinking | Blog entry illustrates a thoughtful approach to the content. Author demonstrates great  thinking and reasoning of content and use of photo. | Blog entry illustrates a thoughtful approach to the content. Author demonstrates some growth in thinking of content and use of photo. | Blog entry illustrates a forced approach to content. Author shows signs of growth in their thinking of content and use of photo. | Blog entry illustrates a careless approach to content. Author shows no sign of growth in their thinking and use of photo. |
| Creative thinking | Blog entry conveys  evidence of creative  thinking through  discussion of photo  choice.  Author demonstrates  a new way of looking  at an idea. | Blog entry conveys  evidence of creative  thinking through  discussion of photo  choice. Author  demonstrates an  intriguing but not  necessarily new way  of looking at an idea. | Blog entry conveys an  attempt at creative  thinking but the ideas  are lacking about the  discussion of photo  choice. Author  demonstrates an  effort to be original  but needs to further  develop their ideas. | Blog entry conveys  no creative thinking.  Author demonstrates  a lack of interest or  ability to present a  new way of looking  at an idea. |